The Ancestry and Immigration of Emma Christina Maria Friberg

Emma Christina Maria (Gustafsdotter) Friberg (Friedberg) was born on 03 Mar 1852 in Sandseryd, Jönköping, Sweden, to Gustaf Abrahamsson Friberg and Maria Kathrina Larsdotter[1, 2]. She came to the United States, presumably by herself, in 1876. She left the port of Göteborg around 03 Nov 1876 destined for Boston[3]. As described on her husband's page above, she married Paul Thompson within 3 years of arriving in America.

The story of Emma's early life is twisted and obscure. I will present here what I have been able to ascertain from the Swedish census and marriage records.

Emma is first recorded in the 1847-1858 household examinations in Sandseryd, Jönköping, Sweden, with her mother Maria[4]. But, Emma's father is not present, and Maria appears to be unmarried. It is not until 1853 when Gustaf appears with the family[5]. Indeed, a marriage record exists dated 22 May 1853 in Sandseryd, some 2 years after Emma was conceived[6]. This record and the 1847-1858 household examination record give much explanation.

The household examination record essentially states that the farmhand Gustaf Abrahamson from Norrhult, born 14 Jul 1829, has requested the maid Maria Kathrina Larsdotter as his wife and that her mother, Stina Jonasdotter from Styreshult, has given written approval to this. So, Emma was conceived out of wedlock and Gustaf and Maria eventually committed to marriage with the blessing of Maria's mother.

Even after resolving the tumultuous beginning, the family appears to have had a tortured existence. Gustaf and Maria had three more children. Carl Oskar died by the age of 18 months; Jenny died by the age of 4 months. Only a son Pehr survived to leave home to become a seaman; his fortune remains unknown. Then, on 31 May 1862, Gustaf died[7]. He had been working as a policeman and died of tuberculosis. I suspect he caught the disease in his course of his work.

Maria subsequently remarried to Johan Larsson, but things did not significantly improve. They had 3 children: Frans who died at 1 week old, Anna who died by age 12, and Carl Gustaf who survived to adulthood, emigrated to the United States in 1886, and died in Muskegon, Michigan in 1942. It is quite likely that Emma and her half-brother Carl saw each other in America since they both lived in Muskegon for decades.

Details of Emma's ancestry are given on the following pages.

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2 Death Records of Muskegon County, Michigan. Death certificate for Emma Christina Maria Friberg; Book 5, Page 438.

3 Swedish Emigration Records, 1783-1951 (Emigranten Populär 2006), The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Entry for Emma Friberg (Archive Call Number 10:595:4435).

4 Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Sandseryd Parish. Book 1847-1858 (AI:8), Page 177.

5 Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Jönköping Kristina Parish. Book 1856-1861 (AI:39), Page 399.

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7 Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Död (Death Records), Jönköping County, Jönköping Kristina Parish. Book 1853-1877 (F:3), Page 59 (1862 #60).

Parents:

Name	Data	Date	Place
Gustaf Abrahamsson Friberg	Birth	19 Jul 1829	Akerhult, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	31 May 1862	Nydala, Jönköping Kristina, Jönköping, Sweden
Maria Kathrina Larsdotter	Birth	21 Dec 1824	Stengårdshult, Jönköping, Sweden
	Marriage	22 May 1853	Sandseryd, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	12 Dec 1893	Jönköping Sofia, Jönköping, Sweden

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[2] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Födde (Birth Records), Jönköping County, Stengårdshult Parish. Book 1743-1864 (B:1), Page 143.
[3] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Vigsel (Marriage Records), Jönköping County, Sandseryd Parish. Book 1797-1860 (C:2), Page 462.
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[7] Ibid. Book 1832-1838 (AI:8), Akerhult, Page 240.
[8] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Hylletofta Parish. Book 1835-1839 (AI:8), Fyrbygget, Page 155.
[9] Ibid. Book 1840-1850 (AI:9), Fyrbygget, Page 155.
[10] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Svenarum Parish. Book 1846-1855 (AI:6), Page 106.
[11] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Barnarp Parish. Book 1845-1850 (AI:9), Page 54.
[12] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Hylletofta Parish. Book 1851-1855 (AI:10), Brohult (Nordanskog), Page 163.
[13] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Svenarum Parish. Book 1851-1856 (AI:7), Norrhult, Page 67.
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[20] Ibid. Book 1840-1848 (AI:6), Styreshult, Page 17.
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[25] Ibid. Book 1847-1858 (AI:8), Page 177.
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Paternal Grandparents:

Name	Data	Date	Place
Abraham Hansson	Birth	27 Sep 1794	Akerhult, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	07 Dec 1855	Brohult, Hylletofta, Jönköping, Sweden
Anna Stina Larsdotter	Birth	01 May 1797	Botarp, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Marriage	31 Dec 1815	Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	03 Jan 1868	Brohult, Hylletofta, Jönköping, Sweden

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[7] Ibid. Book 1801-1805 (AI:5), Akerhult, Page 201.
[8] Ibid. Book 1808-1811 (AI:5), Akerhult, Page 477.
[9] Ibid. Book 1811-1819 (AI:6), Akerhult, Page 85.
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[18] Ibid. Book 1840-1850 (AI:9), Fyrbygget, Page 155.
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Maternal Grandparents:

Name	Data	Date	Place
Lars Hendrick Carlsson	Birth	21 Nov 1784	Sandrebo, Stengårdshult, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	18 Mar 1848	Styreshult, Stengårdshult, Jönköping, Sweden
Chrinstina Jonasdotter	Birth	14 Feb 1796	Bondstorp, Jönköping, Sweden
	Marriage		
	Death	25 Mar 1858	Styreshult, Stengårdshult, Jönköping, Sweden

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[2] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Födde (Birth Records), Jönköping County, Bondstorp Parish. Book 1781-1860 (C:4), Page 45.
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Paternal Great-grandparents:

Name	Data	Date	Place
Hans Abrahamsson	Birth	09 Mar 1758	Akerhult, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	19 Nov 1823	
Lena Nilsdotter	Birth	27 Jun 1761	Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Marriage	21 Feb 1790	Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	27 Nov 1812	Akerhult, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden

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[4] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Död (Death Records), Jönköping County, Malmbäck Parish. Book 1798-1837 (C:1), Page 606.
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[9] Ibid. Book 1780-1785 (AI:2), Akerhult, Page 435.
[10] Ibid. Book 1786-1789 (AI:2), Akerhult, Page 707.
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[14] Ibid. Book 1808-1811 (AI:5), Akerhult, Page 477.
[15] Ibid. Book 1811-1819 (AI:6), Akerhult, Page 85.
[16] Ibid. Book 1774-1779 (AI:2), Grimstorp, Page 173.
[17] Ibid. Book 1780-1785 (AI:2), Grimstorp, Page 443.
[18] Ibid. Book 1786-1789 (AI:2), Grimstorp, Page 715.
[19] Ibid. Book 1789-1793 (AI:3), Grimstorp, Page 261.

Name	Data	Date	Place
Lars Niclas Friberg	Birth	30 Sep 1767	Botarp, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	14 Oct 1815	Botarp, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden
Annika Jonasdotter	Birth		
	Marriage		
	Death	01 Sep 1798	Botarp, Malmbäck, Jönköping, Sweden

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[2] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Död (Death Records), Jönköping County, Malmbäck Parish. Book 1798-1837 (C:1), Page 583.
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[4] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Husförhör (Household Examinations), Jönköping County, Malmbäck Parish. Book 1767-1773 (AI:1), Botarp, Page 412.
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[6] Ibid. Book 1780-1785 (AI:2), Botarp, Page 295.
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[10] Ibid. Book 1801-1805 (AI:5), Botarp, Page 21.
[11] Ibid. Book 1808-1811 (AI:5), Botarp, Page 319.
[12] Ibid. Book 1811-1819 (AI:6), Botarp, Page 7.

Maternal Great-grandparents:

Name	Data	Date	Place
Carl Fredrick Timmern	Birth	23 Jul 1745	Sandrebo, Stengårdshult, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	06 Apr 1799	Sandrebo, Stengårdshult, Jönköping, Sweden
Catharina Arfvidsdotter	Birth	1753	
	Marriage		
	Death		

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[2] Swedish Church Records, 1500-1941, Död (Death Records), Jönköping County, Stengårdshult Parish. Book 1743-1865 (B:1), Page 227.
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[7] Ibid. Book 1792-1810 (AI:3), Sandrebo, Page 36.
[8] Ibid. Book 1810-1819 (AI:4), Sandrebo, Page 14.

Name	Data	Date	Place
Jonas Ericsson	Birth	06 Aug 1770	Bondstorp, Jönköping, Sweden
	Death	31 Jan 1822	Kanshestra, Bondstorp, Jönköping, Sweden
Stina Johansdotter	Birth	1769 (?)	
	Marriage	20 Nov 1795	Kil, Örebro, Sweden
	Death	24 Jun 1838	Kanshestra, Bondstorp, Jönköping, Sweden

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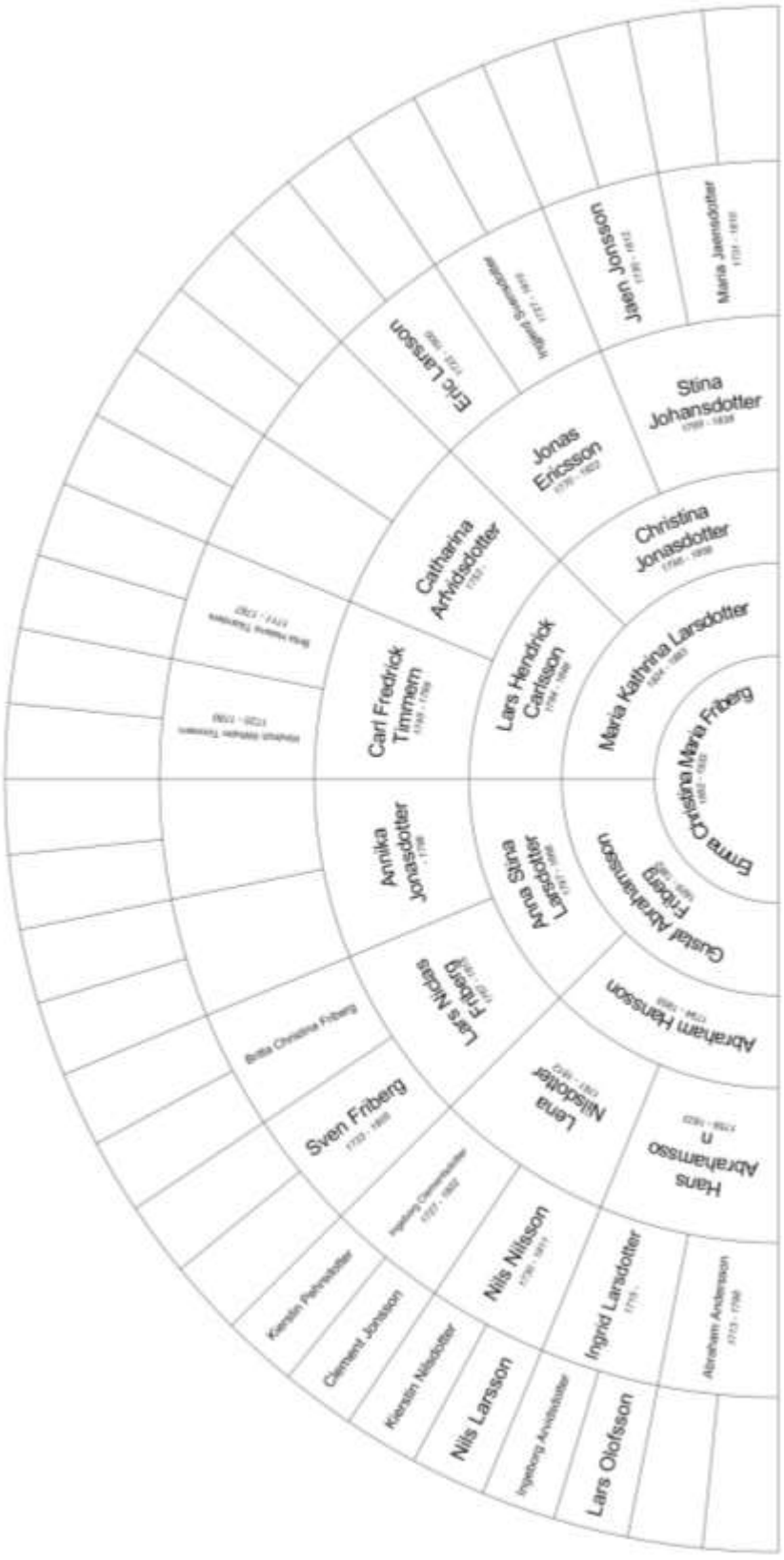

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